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GEN. CRONJE'S BRAVERY

And Favorably Commented On, But Ultimate Defeat Seems Certain.

HE IS URGED TO SURRENDER

In Order to Save Life, But Amid the Supremest Terrors He Defles the British.

LONDON, Feb. 24, 4:15 a. m .- Mr Balfour anounced in the house of com

for him to resist so long. Great Britain does not withhold admiration for the

valor for a losing fight against great odds. "The Englishmen feel something like pride in Cronje, even as a foe," says the

Daily News.

"In a position covering only a square mile, hemmed in on all sides, circled with a chain of fire from rifle, maxim and howitzer, played on by deadly lyddite, bursting in its own slekly green light, his hastily built trenches enfliaded by a stream of lead sweeping down the river from the north bank, General Cronje still elects to fight. It is a magnificent courage."

Urged to Surrender.

General Cronje's wife is described by the prisoners as urging him to surren-der in order to save the lives of his men, but he would not. The British cavalry patrols sent by Lord Methuen north of Kimberley, dis-covered the Boers concentrating, whether for offense or defense, is sim-ply conjecture.

whether for offense or defense, is simply conjecture.

The Boers seem to be retiring from General Gatacre's front at Sterkstroom in order to reinforce the Free Staters.

Ladysmith had not been relieved when the latest news left Natal two days ago. The Boers had then retired half way between Ladysmith and Colesso. If only \$0.00 went to the Free State, as both the Boer and the British accounts arsert, the 12,000 who are left may purpose to maintain the siege and to resist General Buller within connected lines although the impression of Boers in Season 10 to 10

treat.

The editorials in the morning papers complain more or less vigorously of the insufficiency of the government's naval proposals, especially in view of the immediate naval effort of Germany and other powers. The conservative Standard save.

other powers. The conservative States and says:

"Perhaps this is because the British mays is considered strong enough for as work; but the nation will ask for the saurances on that point."

The Daily Mall says:

"The proposals are so inadequate that we cannot but express the deepest surprise that the admirally board can be persuaded to accept them."

FIFTY THOUSAND POUNDS

Of Ammunition at Magersfontein Rhodes to Go to England. LONDON, Feb. 24.—The Daily Chronicle has the following dispatch

from Kimberiey, dated February 21:
"Cavalry patrols that went north to
capture the Boer 100-pounder, report capture the Boer 100-pointer, report that the weapon has been taken beyond Riverton station, drawn by thirty-two oxen. The British cavalry say that they saw Boer parties, but they did not go beyond Riverton, for fear of being cut off. They learned, however, that the Transvaniers were being concentrated on the border to the north.

"A party of Boers fired into the Brit-

A party of Boers fired into the British camp. Fifty thousand pounds of ammunition was captured at Magersfontéin. Cecil Rhodes will leave for England shortly.

"W. E. Chapman, with thirty men, held out for weeks against the Boers at Otto Kopje until relieved from Kimberley."

FIGHTING AT PIETERS. Buller's Advance Opposed by Big Gun

and Rifle Fire. LONDON, Feb. 24.—A dispatch to the Daily Telegraph from Pietermaritz-

burg, dated Thursday, says: Fighting is proceeding in the vicin-

ity of Pieters this morning. General Buller's advance is being opposed by both big gun and rifle fire."

The Lorenzo Marques correspondent of the Daily News, telegraphing Tues-day, says:

day, says:

"We are in a state of doubt and ankey regarding events in the Free
State. We hear that the telegraph wire
between General Cronje and Bloemfonten has been severad, and the news
from the front is conflicting.

It is a symptom of the present trend
of events that storekeepers in the Free
State have wired here stopping the forwarling of goods. I learn that the
Transwall government has five mill-

ransvaal government has five mill ing 35,000 sovereigns a month."

ELECTRIC ROAD

From Sistersville to Middlebourne Will Soon Be Built.

Special Dispatch-to the Intelligencer SISTERSVILLE, W. Va., Feb. 23. It seems to be a certainty now that the proposed electric road from this city to Middlebourne, the county seat, will be built in a very short time. Hon. John A. Howard, of Wheeling, who is the chief promoter of the scheme, and who has taken the initiatory steps in the matter, is pushing the project as fast as possible. During a recent visit in this city he stated that all of the right of way for the road had been secured and that he had the papers to that effect. He also said that in a very short time he would submit the plans and specifications for the road to the castern capitalists whom he had interested in the project, and he firmly believed that it would be but a short time until the construction of the road would be commenced. the chief promoter of the scheme, and

PRESIDENT SCHURMAN

Outlines the Constitution Prepared For the Philippines - Identically the Same as That Prepared for the Louisiana Purchase and the One Prepared by Paterno, Aguinaldo's Prime Minister.

CHICAGO, Feb. 22. - President Schurman, of Cornell University, and former head of the Philippine commis-sion, delivered an address before the student body at the Armour Institute to-day, in which he forecasted the report and recommendations of the co mission, soon to be published at Wash-

President Schurman said that he had recommended to the President a gov-ernment and constitution for the Philippines identically the same as that framed by educated Filipinos, which is practically the governmental policy outlined by Thomas Jefferson for the

Baifour annunced in the house of commons at half past 12 this morning that no further news r egarding General Cronje had been received by the government of the vast territory according to the hour and he asserted that nothing had come to hand there.

General Cronje, therefore, is presumably still unbeaten. No other construction is placed upon the three days silence of Lord Roberts.

Yet no one sees how it is humanely possible, judging from the descriptions of his situation Wednesday morning, for him to resist so long. Great Britain does not withhold admiration for the making of us day after day. The Government They Asked For.

"The newspapers have not given

publicity to the fact that we are to give the Filipinos the very government they themselves ask, but our government is now striking off 15,000 copies of the report that it may inform those who have been so solicitous in regard to the kind of government their friends, the Filipinos, will obtain from us."

Continuing, the speaker said that after a careful study of the island tribes, he became convinced that the plan of Great Britain in her government of the Malays—signing peace pacts with the individual chiefs of the tribes—was the most satisfactory one. The results upheld his opinion, for in the southern row of islands, where this policy was followed, not a gun had been fired, and the American flag had been fired, and the American flag had been fired an honored emblem. This policy was not adopted in regard to the middle islands, which are inhabited by the Visayan tribe, the largest in the the middle islands, which are inhabited by the Visayan tribe, the largest in the group of islands, because of the fact that the most peculiar of civil governments prevails there. The influence of Spain, said President Schurman, permeates the entire country and its half million of inhabitants. Owins to dominance of Spain during the many generations that have passed, chieftains have disappeared, and the great population is lett leaderless by the removal of Spanish rule. There are no chiefs in this portion of the country with whom

as flow to seed a peace pact, but the streat desire of the people, said the peaker, is to come forward and accept the government officed by America as soon as the contest in the Island of Lucton is bartled.

Just new it would be as much as their lives are both for the natives to make such a man, their arms, would come fown from the north and in arphush come flown from the north and in arphush

animously and voluntarily becomin the active allies of the United States.

BAD WRECK ON PAN HANDLE.

Freight and Passenger Collide-Cars Take Fire, and Several Were Consumed-Seven Persons More or Less Seriously Injured — Freight Was Derailed by a Slide at the West End of Tunnel No. 4, Near Dinsmore, Pa.

pecial Dispatch to the Intelligencer. extra west-bound Pan-Handle freight vas derailed west of No. A tunnel, east of Dinsmore, Pa., to-night, and passenger No. 24, known as the Greaser, eastbound, came along before a flag could be sent out. A wreck followed that injured several persons and damaged engines and cars. Both engines, 34 of the freight, and 69 of the passenger, are complete wrecks. To add to the serusness of the situation, fire started in the parrenger and baggage cars, which dolas that were derailed was partly dolas that were derailed was partly burned. The derailing of the freight engine and cars was due to a slide at the west end of the tunnel. All the passengers and trainmen were shaken up considerably and the following were injured: John M. Miller, of Pittsburgh, right hand hurt: J. K. Myjar, of Beaver, hand hurt; Robert Weir, of McKeesport, rib broken; James Newell, of Carnesse, bargargemaster, bruised. McKeesport, rib broker; James Newell, of Carnegle, bagsagemaster, bruised and burned about the legs, his pants being burned off before he was gotten out of the wreck; John King, fireman on freight, arm and head bruised; James W. McCort, of Pittsburgh, fireman on passenger, leg sprained. The Steubenville and Carnegle wreck crews were called and four surgeons were ordered to the scene of the wreck.

TERRIBLE FIRE

In Philadelphia Wholesale Millinery District-Women on Fifth Floor Slide Down a Bope-One Killed and Several Injured-One Lived Only a Few Minutes.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 22.-One woman was killed, several other par sons were severely injured, and property valued at half a million dollars was destroyed by fire which broke out tonight in the heart of the wholesale milnight in the heart of the wholesale mil-linery district. The burned area cover-ed nearly two acres, and that the finmes did not do more damage was due to the magnificent work of the fire depart-ment, which was greatly handleapped by the character of the goods which the burned structures contained. The woman killed was Clara Cohen, twenty-three years of age, a scamstress in the employ of Harris & Bérnard Co-hen. She met her death by jumping

In the empley of Harris & Bérniard Co-hen. She met her death by jumping from the fifth floor of the building in which the fire started. Amongst the most seriously injured were Clara Udor, who fell from the third floor of the same building; George Sweeney, a firemen, who was badly hart shout the hip by flying debris. Several other girls had bands burned and re-colored man received sovere sprains by attempting to gatch the young women as they dropped from the end of a repe which was suspended from a window.

OUAY CASE TAKEN UP

After a Sharp Parliamentary Battle of Giants by a Vote of

THIRTY-FOUR---TWENTY-EIGHT.

Senator Scott Was Paired With Talia ferro, But Was in Favor of Quay.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—To-day's session of the senate was unusually interesting from the very beginning. In spite of vigorous and influential opposition, Mr. Penrose, of Pennsylvania, succeeded in getting the Quay case before the senate, and during the afternoon three notable speeches were delivation that followed could be quelled. Amonk the others who spoke to-day noon three notable speeches were deliv-

After a sharp parliamentary squab ble, Mr. Penrose moved that the reso-Jution involving the seating of Senator Quay be taken up for consideration. Mr. Culiom desired it to be understood that whatever might be done with the case, he would not consent to the displacement of the Hawaiian govern-ment bill as the unfinished business. Mr. Penrose replied that while he had no intention of interfering with the un-finished business, he desired to inform Mr. Cullom that he proposed to press the question of privilege if he should be forced to do so.

be forced to do so.

After, some sparring, Mr. Hale taking
a leading part in the opposition to the
Quay case displacing other important
matters, the chair ruled that only by unanimous consent or a majority could the Quay case be taken up,

Sparring. Mr. Foraker, of Ohio, then endeavored to get Mr. Penrose to say he moved to take up the case only to afford Mr. Daniel (Va) opportunity to address the senate upon it, but Mr.

Penrose replied, with some spirit:
"I disagree entirely with the senator
from Ohlo. I have not called up this
case merely for the purpose suggested. I don't know whether one, two or more senators desire to speak. I desire to say that I disagree with the intimated ruling of the chair that a question of the highest privilege must be taken up by unanimous consent or by vote of the senate. This question takes precedence over every other one—even over the un-native outloss. 1

this question to an early solution, don't care to impede the unfinished bus iness, but I propose that the question shall have its full recognition. The whole case can be discussed, as to set speeches, in a few hours, and as to desultory discussion in three or four

Mr. Foraker said he had no disposition to antagonize consideration of the He announced that he expects vote for the seating of Mr. Quay

when the opportunity should arrive.

Mr. Aldrich then tried his hand agetting Mr. Penrose to agree that the case be taken up merely to enable the senator from Virginia to speak, but Mr. Penrose emphatically refused to submit to any conditions, and on a yea and may vote carried the day, the Quay resolution being taken up by a vote of 34 to 28, as follows:

The Vote.

Yeas-Allison, Bate, Beveride, Carter, Chandler, Clark, of Montana: Culberon, Daniel, Davis, Depew, Fairbanks, Foster, Gear, Hansbrough, Hawley, Hoar, Jones, of Nevada; Kenny, Mc-Comas, McEnery, McLaurin, Martin, Morgan, Nelson, Penrose, Perkins, Pet-tigrew, Pritchard, Shoup, Stewart, Tallaferro, Vest, Warren, Wolcott-24. frey, Chilton, Clark, of Wyoming Cockrell, Cullom, Foraker, Gallinger Hale, Hanna, Harris, Jones, of Arkan sas: Kenn, Lindsay, McCumber, Mc-Millan, Pettus, Platt, of Connecicut; Proctor, Quarles, Rawlings, Ross, Si-

mon, Teller, Tillman, Turner-28.
The following pairs were announ Clay with Lodge (Lodge in favor of eating Quay, but against taking up case now); Deboe with Mallory (no statement of position); Frye with Ber-ry (no statement of position); McBride with Money (McBride against, Money with Money (MEDIUG BRAINE, 1986) for); Tailsferro with Scott (both in fa-vor of Quay, Tallaferro voted): Thurs-ton and Allen (no statement); Westmore with Bacon (no statement): Sewell with Wellington (Sewell for); Platt, of New York, and Heitfeld (Platt for).

Mr. Daniel.

Mr. Daniel (Va) then addressed the senate in support of Mr. Quay's right to a seat. The more he had studied the question, the more thoroughly he had become convinced that under the constitution a senator appointed by a governor was clearly entitled to his

Mr. Daniel also held that the weight

Mr. Daniel also held that the wearof precedent was largely in Quay's favor. Concluding, he said:

"The senate is at once a legislative
body, an executive body and a judicial body. When I hear senators say cial body. When I near senators say that we should lay aside this matter so that a Hawailan bill or a Puerto Rican bill, or any other bill, shall be considered, it seems to me that senator has not risen to his proper dignity, and that he is not treating his brother senator as he ought to be treated, when he is knocking at the gate of the body with as perfect credentials as his own. I shall never vote—unless, indeed, in some great public exigency, when everything else must give way-to postpon the credentials of a senator to any other consideration of public policy. The first step in the organization of a body is to ascertain who are its members. Ac-cording to the constitution it has been ascertained that we are members of this body. But there is one who has this body. But there is one who has as much right in this senate, according

speech the Hawaiian government bill was taken up, and Mr. Morgan resumed

PORTO RICAN TARIFF BILL In the House Will be Put on Its Passage on Tuesday.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—An agreement was reached in the house to-day that the vote on the Porto Rican tar-iff bill be taken up a 8 p. m. next Tues-day. General debate will close Mon-day. Formal announcement was made that a Republican conference would be held at 8 p. m. to-morrow. ers continue to express the belief that the bill will pass, but the impression is growing that a motion to recommit the bill to the committee on ways and means will command strong support, and prevail, Mr. Underwood, the Demand prevail, ar. Underwood, the Democratic "whilp," to-day sent out tele-grams to all absent Democrats to be present on Monday, when the voting may begin.

The speech of Mr. Littlefield, of Maine.

Among the others who spoke to-day ere Messrs, Jones (Va), and Maddox, (Ga), against the bill, and Messrs. Rus-

CLARK CASE

Defense Announced Conclusion of Presentation of Its Case-Prosecution Will Conclude Early Next

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 23,-The Clark case before the senate committee n elections reached an important turning point to-day. The nounced the conclusion of the presenput on for the prosecution for the purpose of rebuttal was heard. The witness was Attorney General Nolan, of Montana. It is understood that he is the first of eight or ten witnesses who will be called in rebuttal. The attorneys for the prosecution say they ex-

neys for the prosecution say they expect to concinde their presentation early next week.

Attorney General Nolan's statements were especially upon the interviews between himself and Witness Lyons. He asserted that Mr. Lyons told him that he knew that the votes of various members of the legislature had been unduly influenced in Mr. Clark's behalf. Much of the day was spent in debating the admissibility in this connection of General Nolan's report of the proceedings of the grand jury of Lewis and Clark county of Montana.

It was decided to limit the questions by the content of the processions.

brought into question by witnesses for the defense.

WESTON BUSINESS MEN

Call Down the Wheeling Register Representative, Who Is Accused of Misrepresenting the Smallpox Sit-

uation in That City.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer WESTON, W. Va., Feb. 22 -- Incensed at the repeated false stories sent out from here, which have grossly misrepresented the smallpox situation in this ocality, the business men to-day presented to Mr. J A. Minnich, who represents the Wheeling Register and th Tri-State Press, the following formal petition, which was signed by nearly

every business man of the town: To Mr. J. A. Minnich, Weston, W. Va. SIR:-Whereas, you have, as local errespondent for the Wheeling Register, made numerous unfounded re ports to said paper, very greatly exaggerating the smallpox situation at Wes ton, and in Lewis county, and thereby on, and in Lewis county, and thereby preventing free intercourse and travel, materially injuring the business of the town and county, and particularly mak-ing the impression that smallpox ex-ists in Weston, when a case does not exist in the corporation, and none now in the county outside of the Shearer family, who are all confined in the pest house: now, therefore, we, the under-signed business men of Weston, insist

signed business men of Weston, insist that you cease your misrepresentations to said Wheeling Register, and other papers, and your false reflections upon the town."

Wholesale houses have materially suffered from the refusal of patrons to accept shipments of goods, and others have suffered equally as severely. It stands to the credit of the board of health that it has acted promptly and with commendable vigor, and that, so far the contagion has been confined solely to the houses where it first broke out in this county. All have now about recovered except two children of Andy recovered except two children of And; Shearer, at the pesthouse.

SAD FATALITY.

Dora Shuman, a Mail Carrier, Drawn Over a Milldam.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer SISTERSVILLE, W. Va., Feb. 23 .-very sad accident occurred early this morning, near Shiloh, in the interior of the county, by which Dora Shuman, of that place, was drowned while attempting to cross the creek with the mail for this office. Shuman was in a skiff, and the recent rains had caused such a rise in the creek that It was impossib rise in the creek that it was impossible for him to control the boat, and he was drawn over a milldam a short distance below where he entered the boat. A couple of men who saw him at the time attempted to go to his rescue, but before they could get hold of a boat to go to him he was so close to the dam that it was impossible to do anything. He leaves a mother, a brother and sister. He was about twenty-two, and had been carrying the mails for a couple of years.

SPECIAL ELECTION

To Be Held in Sistersville to Determine Question of Bond Issue.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer, SISTERSVILLE, W. Va., Feb. 23 .-At a meeting of the city council, held Wednesday, it was decided, by a unanas much right in this senate, according to my judgment, as any one who has placidly voted to postpone his case, and let him cool his heets, waiting to be heard. I shall vote in this case as I voted in al other similar cases."

At the conclusion of Mr. Daniel's

JUST A PLAIN

Is the Refund Ordinance, and it Deserves to Pass by a Rousing Majority.

THE ELECTION OCCURS TO-DAY

And the Indications Point to the Success of the Measure-Location of the Precincts.

NO SPECIAL TAXATION.

To the Editor of the Intelligencer:

The Register sets up a great howl over the section in the Refunding Orover the section in the assuming of dinance providing that a tax shall be levied for the payment of bonds. All ordinances voted on by the citi-zens of wheeling, authorizing the is-sue of bonds by council, contain this

sue or bonus by country, contain the provision, and it is necessary that they do so.

By act of the legislature provision for the redemption of municipal bonds must be made by providing a tax for that purpose. If the bonds

bonds must be made by providing a tax for that purpose. If the bonds were issued without the ordinance submitted to the people containing this clause, they would be worthless on any money market, and could not be sold at any price.

The Register is fully aware of the provision above named; they know very well that it is pure deception on their part to parade this section before the people and comment on it as

their part to parade this section be-fore the people and comment on it as

they do.

The fifty cent levy which is made annually by council has for years redeemed bonds falling due and supplied funds for general expenses for the city government. It is not intended now to increase the levy one level of the carried to the council of the carried to the tended now to increase the levy one penny, but if the loan is not carried, then the levy must necessarily be increased. Very respectfully,
ANDREW T. SWEENEY,
M. A. CHEW,
JAS. P. MAXWELL,
JOHN WATERHOUSE,
A. KOEN,
A. MARSCHNER,
Committee.

To-day, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 7 p. m., the voters of the city of Wheeling will pass on the ordinance reindebtedness, and the outlook last night was that the measure would receive the

required majority—three-fifths of all the votes cast. It is a plain business proposition, and the people of the city, having accertained that a refund is not only meritorious in itself, but necessary owing to the \$82,000 of compromise bonds that must be met in July, are not apparently in a humor to pay serious attention to the desperate attempt the Register has been making to confuse the provisions of the measure-an attempt that is obviously demagogic and alleged by many to be not strictly hon-

The form of the ballot that will be used to-day is as follows

For Batification.

In voting for ratification draw a line through the words "For Rejection," as shown above.

The voting places and election officers chosen are as follows:

First Ward.

Precinct-Corner Seventh and Main. Judges-Jacob Kindelberger, M. Moran and James Hanes.

Second Ward. Precincts-No. 1, Market hall; No. 2 Judges-No. 1, Market and, No. 2, 1113 McColloch street, Judges-No. 1, Ferd Wingerter, John B, Crawford, Jr., H. P, Meyer; No. 2, Timothy Donovan, L. B. Flora and Adam Wertzberger.

Third Ward. Precinct—Police court room.
Judges—J. R. Butts, James Sawtells
and James Marshall.

Fourth Ward. Precinct-Blerley's hall, Eighteenth Judges-Ed. Gillies, Charles Reilley, Frank Beabout

Fifth Ward. Precinct-Hook and Ladder house. Judges-C. B. Colborn, Louis Conrad, Herman Rolf.

Sixth Ward. Precinct-2605 Chapline street. Judges-William Shields, J. Crogan, Judges-Will James Voight.

Seventh Ward. Precinct—Island hose house. Judges—J. G. Collins, William H. Silvey, Charles Merrifield. Eighth Ward.

Precincts-No. 1, Asmus' livery stable, Jacob street; No. 2, corner Forty-third

Jacob street; No. 2, corner Forty-third and Jacob streets.

Judges—No. 1, Charles Ehroth, Henry Liner, August Fette; No. 2, J. J. Conner, S. Zerrott, George Shane.

Undoubtedly the refund measure would receive a tremendous majority if every voter in the city went to the polls—but just here is the only danger of defeat, for it is usually true that the opponents of a measure are strong enough in their opposition to record it at the polls, while, on the other hand, it is invariably true that many suptosiers of the measure at issue stay at It is invariably true that many sup-porters of the measure at issue stay at home and remark, "Oh, well, it will pass without my vote." This, it should be impressed upon the friends of the refund, is the only danger that con-fronts the measure. Failure to secure the required three-fifths majority to-day can only come if the "stay-at-homes" are unusually numerous. Voters having the interest of the city at heart day can only come it to homes are intustify and interests of the city at heart doubtless will exhibit that interest of going to the polls and supporting a measure that means the upholding of the city's credit, and means further a vast betterment of its financial condition in the years to come, for with decreased interest on bonds and the city in the commercial electric lighting by the will be increased and fixed charges (in the staff of Colonel C. L. Smith. He successed decreased. On the other hand it must be conceded that failure to provide for the taking up of the \$3,000 to the other hand it compromises bonds due in July means an increase in the tax rate—something.

no citizen desires to bring about. It seems, incredible that a substantial number of the voters can be induced so vote against a measure so meritorious in itself and so necessary for the preservation of a healthy financial condition of the city government. Nor will the opposition be numerous if the people haven't been blinded by the Registers unprinciped methods and attempt to make a partitan issue of what is nothing, but a piain business proposition. The facts that the refund ordinance was recommended unanimously to council by a committee made up equally of Democrata and Republicans; that is was proposed by the Democratic mayor of the city, and that it was passed unanimously at a meeting of council which was unusually well attended these facts, it may be stated, would seem to indicate that the Register's efforts to place the city in a financial mire of exceeding depth will not sue forts to place the city in a financia mire of exceeding depth will not suo

THE FOOLISH REGISTER

Becomes Decidedly Mixed Up This Morning in Its Efforts to Confuse the Issue in the Minds of Voters. The Register this morning in a black ype leader, attempts to tear to pieces he card issued yesterday afternoon by Messrs, Maxwell, Korn, Sweeney, Waterhouse and others, which showed up the Register's vileness of the day be-

fore. But it signally fails.

fore, But it signally falls.

The Register quotes part of a pasagraph of the card mentioned, in which it was stated that for years in which it was stated that for years in the fifty-cent levy has been sufficient for providing payment of interest on bonds and bonds maturing, and supplying funds for the city's general expenses, and then adds:

"If this is true, and we know it is, what more does the city want?"

It wants much, Mr. P—— Hireling Register.

To begin with, \$82,000 must be provided for in July to most the compromise bonds maturing. The neual fifty-cent levy is not sufficient to meet this obligation and take care of the city's general expenses, consequently IF THE REFUND, DOES NOT PASS IN-CREASED TAXATION IS THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE.

CREASED TAXATION IS THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE.

ON THE OTHER HAND, IF THE REFUND PASSES TO-DAY THERE WILL BE NG INCREASED TAXES.

IF THE REFUND PASSES, THE GAS CONSUMERS WILL NOT BE FORCED TO BEAR THE ENTIRE BURDEN OF LIGHTING THE STREETS for with the city in the commercial electric lighting business the burden will full upon both users of gas and electric light. The gas bourd, too, would possibly be enabled to REDUCE THE PRICE OF GAS TO FIFTY CENTS.

would possibly be enabled to REDUCE THE PRICE OF GAS TO FIFTY CENTS.

Also, Mr. Register, the people of Wheeling possess sound business sense and they would like to know the motives that prompt you to advecate high interest bearing bonds. The refund can be made at 4 per cent or less: the present rate is 5 to 6 per cent. What induces the Register to champion the cause of the owners of high interest bearing bonds, when it is possible through this refund to secure before the sense of the water of the present of the will be possible through this refund to secure before the sense of the water before the register this morning says: "If the Register this morning says: "If

The Register this morning says: "If this ordinance is adopted taxes will have to be increased." A more villanous and deliberate faisification could not be printed. As a matter of fact the defeat of the refund necessarily means increased taxes; while its adoption means lower interest to bondholders, and consequently taxes as they are now, or lower. The refund disposes of the \$83,000 compromise bonds failing due in July; defeat the ordinance and taxes MUST BE RAISED THIS YEAR to pay that obligation.

POLITICAL POINTERS.

An effort is being made to get a party of 100 from Wheeling to attend the convention of the state league of Republican clubs, which meets in Parkersburg on March S. . A rate of \$2 35 has been secured, good for three days, and all desiring to go are re-quested to leave their names at the thio River railroad office, in the Mc-Lure block. As there will be fifty-five delegates from this county, including the ten district clubs and the Obio county club, there should be little trou-ble in getting a party of 100 to go.

The Liberty District Republicans will meet at the Valley Grove school house this evening, to elect officers and delegates to the league convention at Partershure.

SISTERSVILLE SOCIAL.

Items of Interest From the Petro-

leum Metropolis.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.
SISTERSVILLE, W. Va., Feb. 23.—
The members of the E. Wells Hook & Ladder Company have issued invitations for a reception and dance to b given in the city building on Tuesday evening, February 27. The arrange ments for the affair will be very elaborate, and it will probably be one of the swellest events of the kind during the

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Work, of North Wells street, who have been in Wheeling and Beliaire for several days, as the guests of relatives and friends, have returned to the city. Theodore Hoenes, of the National barber shop, who has been confined in the City huspital at Wheeling, for several days with a severely injured eye, had recovered sufficiently to return to his home io-day.

There are but a few days more now until the conventions for the purposs of nominating candidates for the city offices must be held, and up to date there have been no announcements Mr. and Mrs. George E. Work,

there have been no announcements made for mayor. So far only two announcements have been made, one for city recorder and the other for collector and treasurer.

On Toesday evening next, Mrs. G. E.

On Tuesday evening next, Mrs, G. E. Work, of North Wells street, will entertain the members of the Cornus club, a newly organized social club, at progressive pedro.

Walter Aspin, who has been the giest of relatives and friends at Cameron. W. Va., for a few days, returned to the city last night. Mrs. Aspin, who accompanied him, will remain there, visiting for a couple of weeks.

Restored to Active Duty.

GENERALLY

From Former Demands by Reason of Supposed Scarcity of

IRON PRICES NOT SUSTAINED.

Famine in India Has Caused Large Shipments of Hides at Lower Prices,

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade to-morrow.

will say:
Prices in material are yielding. Prices in material are yielding. If not the best news possible for some speculators, it is the best that could come for the country, since industries could not longer prosper without reaction from the extreme prices caused by actual or supposed scarcity of materials last year. Some help comes from new iron furnaces that have opened or approach completion and from the famine in India, which sends hither such loads of hides; some from the much increased flocks of sheep which have weathering the winter, and some from the opening of the new iron, sinc and copper mines. The causes are many, but the revision of quotations gives promise of greater activity in all the chief industries.

The great fron industry has been em-barrassed by prices for pig and billets which were no longer sustained by the gradually yielding price of products. Considerable transactions are now re-ported at Philadelphia \$1 to \$1.50 per ported at Philadelphia 31 to 31 50 per ton below recent quotations. At Pitts-burgh, 20,000 tons Bessemer have been sold and 75,000 tons billets, both iron and steel being reported 31 per ton lower. The new furnaces supplying foundry iron have been competing sharply at the east, and small sales of Bessemer have been made for Pittssharply at the east, and small sales of Bessemer have been made for Pittsburgh delivery at 50 to 55 cents below previous quotations. Sheets are strengthened there by the new combination, though it does not embrace some large works, but with this addition of 500,000 tons yearly and its sales to the hoop and tin plate companies, the National Steel has secured large and rich mines in Minnesota. Plates are still weak, as most consumers are provided far ahead, but the Pacific orders at the east for 5,600 tons bridge work covers 2,000 tons, and the Chicago & Northwestern has placed orders to the east for 5,600 tons of bridge work. Rail contract for export, and better business enables tin plate works, which have been idle, to resume. been idle, to resume

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Cheaper Hides and lesther snahle boof, and whoe makers to take contracts at less than prices recently asked, and some large sales have resulted, giving part of the shops work for some time. Others are getting very few orders, and some are stopping or expected to stop in two weeks. The yielding in split leather began early this month, and in hemlock zole a week earlier, and has reached one cent per pound, while this week union backs and kip and glove grain upper leather are cheaper. Hides at Chicago have again yielded, making 3 per cent fall in a month and 7.3 per cent fall in a month and 7.3 per cent since December 11. Supplies accumulate, and on wharfs at Jersey City 250,000 hides were landed from India. Shipments of boots and shees from the cast have been in three weeks 28,198 cases, against 243,379 in 1898, the largest previous year.

At last it is admitted that the wool quotations, so long held, are fully 3 cents per scoured pound higher than prices in large actual sales last week, and since, the decline covering grades between ½ blood and lower, which is in demand and scarce, and fine fisce graded XX or above. The explanations are many; the fact is that when mills made enormous sales of heavy weight goods, and then bought no wool, the fable that their stocks were exhausted coased to have force. In fine medium territory selling at 18c; scoured, and other wool down to low grades, the fall is general, and English markets are also weaker. Goods of fine grades have been opened with much less advance in price than was made in cheaper grades, but calculations continue numerous.

Prices of cottons are still advancing, the Rall River committee having raised all its goods, and in spite of heavy port receipts, spot cotton advanced to 9.86 cents.

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Failures in three weeks have been \$7,214,220, ngninst \$7,129,780 last year and \$7,29,430 in 1898, but in the previous years they exceeded \$10,600,000, Manufacturing were \$2,856,538, against \$3,257,472 last year. \$29,300, against \$3,257,472 last year. Failures for the week have been in the United States 201 against \$91 last year and \$3 in Canada against 40 last year.

"THE BARBADOES WONDER,"

Was Too Much for Choynski-Won in the Seventh Round.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.-Joe Walcott, the Barbadoes negro, received the deci-sion over Joe Choynski, of California, in the seventh round of what was to have been a twenty-five round bout before adway Athletic Club to-night. was practically outclassed, red very severe punishment. and received very severe Walcott weighed in at 147 pounds and Choynaki at 163. The betting made Choynaki a prohibitive favorite, odds of one hundred to thirty being freely laid on his chances, but afer the first round, when Choynski went to the floor five times, the odds shifted, and at the beginning of the second round Walcott was a two to one favorite. Both men stripped in excellent condition. All stripped in excellent condition. All through the fight Walcott was on the nggressive. He rushed Choinski, send-ing his right to the stomach and left to the head at will.

Finance Bill Ordered Reported.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.-The Rewashington, real and the conference committee on the finance bill reported an agreement to-day. The Democratic conference were called in and stated their opposition to the bill and without further formality the bill was ordered reported.

Weather Forecast for To-day. Por Western Pennsylvania. West Vir-inia and Ohio-Rain or snow, followed by learing and colder Saturday, cold wave atturday night. Sunday fair; southerly, hifting to high northwesterly winds.

Local Temperature. The temperature yesterday, as observed by C. Schnepf, druggist, corner of Market and Fourteenth streets, was as follows;